

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (**currently amended**). A pressure-sensitive adhesive article comprised of a support in sheet or strip form, at least part of the area of one side of which is coated on at least one side at least partly with a polyacrylate-based pressure-sensitive adhesive wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive comprises comprising at least one polyacrylate block copolymer that has a succession of soft polymer blocks [P(A)] having a glass transition temperature of not more than 10°C between -80°C and 0°C and hard polymer blocks [P(B)] having a glass transition temperature of more than 10°C between 25°C and 180°C and wherein the polymer blocks [P(A)] and [P(B)] are immiscible and wherein said hard polymer blocks form regions of said coating which are non-adhesive and said soft polymer blocks form regions of said coating which are adhesive.

Claim 2 (previously presented). The pressure-sensitive adhesive article of claim 1, wherein the block copolymer has at least one triblock structure P(A)-P(B)-P(A) or P(B)-P(A)-P(B) or at least one of each.

Claim 3 (withdrawn). The pressure-sensitive adhesive article of claim 1, wherein the block copolymer has functional groups at least of a type which behave inertly in a free-radical polymerization reaction and contribute to an increasing cohesion or are suitable for subsequent crosslinking of the pressure-sensitive adhesive.

Claim 4 (previously presented). The pressure-sensitive adhesive article of claim 1, wherein the support is coated at least partially on only one side, and at least part of the side facing away from the pressure-sensitive adhesive provided with a release coat.

Claim 5 (previously presented). The pressure-sensitive adhesive article of claim 1, wherein said at least one side is coated partly and is provided at least partly with

an adhesion-promoting primer.

Claim 6 (previously presented). The pressure-sensitive adhesive article of claim 1, in the form of a pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet within a pad of said sheets, comprising at least two of said pressure-sensitive adhesive sheets lying one atop another.

Claim 7 (withdrawn). The pressure-sensitive adhesive article of claim 1 in the form of a strip rolled onto a core.

Claim 8 (previously presented). The pressure-sensitive adhesive article of claim 1, wherein the support is paper.

Claim 9 (previously presented). The pressure-sensitive adhesive article of claim 1, wherein the block copolymer is oriented in a preferential direction, the refractive index measured,  $n_{MD}$ , being greater than the refractive index  $n_{CD}$  measured in a direction perpendicular to the preferential direction, and the measured difference  $\Delta n = n_{MD} - n_{CD}$  amounts to at least  $1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ .

Claim 10 (previously amended). The pressure-sensitive adhesive article of claim 5, wherein said primer is provided opposite the pressure-sensitive adhesive.

Claim 11 (previously presented). The pressure-sensitive adhesive article of claim 8, wherein said paper is white, transparent, colored, printed or graphics paper.

Claim 12 (previously presented). The pressure-sensitive adhesive of claim 6, which is a pad comprising a plurality of sheets releasably adhered to one another, wherein each of said sheets comprises a support partially coated with a coating of said pressure-sensitive adhesive, and wherein the sheets are positioned in the pad one sheet on top of another sheet with the pressure-sensitive adhesive on one sheet releasably adhering to a non-adhesive portion of an adjacent sheet.

Claim 13 (previously presented). The pressure-sensitive adhesive article of claim 12, wherein each sheet comprises a primer coated between the support and the coating of pressure-sensitive adhesive.

Claim 14 (previously presented). The pressure-sensitive article of claim 12, wherein each sheet comprises a coating on a side of said sheet to which said pressure-sensitive adhesive is coated.

Claim 15 (previously presented). The pressure-sensitive adhesive article of claim 6, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive exhibits a bond strength to paper of 0.14 to 0.22 N/cm as measured in accordance with Pressure Sensitive Tape Council test PSTC-1.